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Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Mercury Building
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB-254 (Sub-No. 8X)
Providence and Worcester Railroad Company (P&W)
Petition for Exemption of Abandonment in East Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Secretary Williams:

Reference is made to the above captioned Petition which was filed on June 16, 2005. P&W petitioned the Board for an exemption from the prior approval requirements of 49 U.S.C. Sec. 10903, et seq., to permit P&W to abandon rail service over a 4.3+- mile portion of the East Providence Branch (EP Branch) and a 0.48+- mile portion of the East Junction Branch (EJ Branch), all of which is located in East Providence, Rhode Island.

As stated in the Petition, the portions of the EP and EJ Branches are located in an area where the State of Rhode Island and the City of East Providence are working on a roadway improvement project along the East Providence waterfront that will improve vehicular access and facilitate development of waterfront property in East Providence. The undersigned fully supports the Petition and requests that the Board grant P&W's request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need any further information.

Very truly yours,

William J. Fazioli
City Manager

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Cc: Amy Silverstein
Providence & Worcester Railroad